

floor of the Legislature. I don't like voting for a pop tax, but oppose that to the taking of the Highway Trust Fund money and the consistent flow and...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...perverting that system, that I cannot do.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Our next speaker is Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had indicated earlier I would vote for Senator Schrock's amendment and I'm...I will do that. But there are...have been comments that I would like to comment on. This tax increase, if you use the Highway Trust Fund, it will result in a tax increase. Anything that you do to address the issue of funds that we do not have is a tax increase. In the case of the Highway Trust Fund, on the 6.8 million that local governments lose, essentially they can only go to property tax, although with the limitations they may not be able to and that means they simply won't have the funds. So then you're deferring in the state's case, it's simple, that is a tax increase in motor fuel tax to make up for the loss of revenue or you do not accelerate the highway program, as this body directed to be done some three or four years ago. I hear all the talk on 1059 and it was certainly...cannot be said, although it is repeated frequently, but it cannot be said in fact that that 1 percent that went to the motor vehicles was somehow or other not expected or just showed up. The bill was introduced that way. There was numerous amendments attempting to change it. Did not. And I rather suspect that had the provision for that additional 1 percent gone into the 1059, I suspect that 1059 would have been just another state aid bill that didn't pass the Legislature, and I had a lot of them. And I suspect this would have just been another one. If you want a solution to the whole problem, and this is the first year that we've had this, I guess, somewhat last year, there will be a lot bigger one next year. And there is only one solution, if you want to reach the 45 percent, and that's to LB 662 that's on General File. I'm having it redrafted for amendments to some bill. And what LB 662 did was that it would separate the sales and income tax that is collected to put into the fund, the funds, the provisions of 1059 and it divides the money as it comes into the